

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER  
GLYNCO, GEORGIA 31524**

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FLETC DIRECTIVE (FD)

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1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this directive is to establish regulations governing uniforms and acceptable civilian clothing to be worn by students attending training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC).

2. SCOPE. The provisions of this directive apply to all students attending the FLETC.

3. CANCELLATION. FLETC Directive (FD) 65-94.A, dated February 13, 1989, is cancelled and superseded by this directive.

4. REFERENCES.

a. FD 70-07.C, Dining Hall Regulations

b. FLETC Student Handbook

c. FLETC Student Information Bulletin

5. CLASSROOM WEAR.

a. Basic Police Students. On the first day of class and at other designated times throughout the program, including graduation, students will wear the agency's dress (Class A) uniform without holsters and weapons. The agency's utility (Class B) uniform is authorized for wear when students have not been issued their agency's "Class A" uniform. Students should be familiar with their agency's regulations relating to the care and proper wearing of the uniform. Normal classroom and field training attire will consist of the fatigue uniform issued at the FLETC which will be worn in the manner prescribed in paragraph 7. Students who have not been issued their agency "Class A" or "Class B" uniform or who normally serve in a nonuniform capacity will, on occasions calling for "Class A" or "Class B" uniforms, conform to the dress standard for Basic Criminal Investigator students.

b. Basic Criminal Investigator Students. On the first day of class and at other designated times throughout the program (including interviewing, mock trials, and graduation), male students will wear a dress shirt, tie, and appropriate slacks and coat;

female students will wear a skirt or dress slacks with blouse, pantsuit, or dress. Normal classroom and field training attire will consist of either the FLETC or agency-issued fatigue uniform. The agency-issued fatigue uniform is authorized only when a class consists of students exclusively from one agency. Both the FLETC and agency-issued fatigue uniform will be worn in the manner prescribed in paragraph 7.

c. Advanced and State and Local Students. Appropriate attire will consist of casual or dress apparel as dictated by the activities of the course. Jogging suits, shorts, tank tops, "flip flops," and similar leisure wear are not authorized for training use; denim jeans are acceptable only in laboratory or field exercises calling for rough wear or exposure to soil, chemicals, etc. In some programs, students will receive the FLETC- or agency-issued fatigue uniforms which will be worn in the manner prescribed in paragraph 7. On special occasions such as graduations, Advanced and State and local students are required to wear appropriate business attire including dress slacks, dress shirt, coat, and tie for male students; dress slacks or skirt with blouse, pantsuit, or dress for female students. When an Advanced class consists of students exclusively from one agency, that agency may authorize wearing of their "Class A" or "Class B" uniform in the manner prescribed for Basic Police students.

d. Uniform Headgear. Uniform headgear will consist only of the official, issued headgear for that agency or the FLETC uniform. Headgear will not be worn in the classroom, cafeteria, or other buildings at the FLETC except when worn as part of a training activity.

## 6. PHYSICAL TRAINING.

a. The FLETC physical training uniforms are required while participating in all physical training activities within the Physical Techniques Complex. T-shirts, gym shorts, sweat suits, supporters, athletic bras, socks, and towels are provided by the Center for student use during physical training classes. Students must provide their own non-scuff athletic footwear (tennis/basketball shoes) and must pay for any missing FLETC issued items.

b. Students who are not enrolled in official physical training classes may obtain uniforms for after-hours use in the Physical Techniques Complex by presenting their FLETC identification cards at the equipment issue room. Students must pay for missing FLETC issued items.

c. Physical Techniques issued uniforms must be worn, in their entirety, by all students engaged in any physical training activity within the Physical Techniques Complex. Non-scuff tennis/gym shoes are required for use on racquetball and gym floors; shoes used for street wear shall not be worn on racquetball or basketball courts.

7. FLETC- OR AGENCY-ISSUED FATIGUE UNIFORM. When the fatigue uniform is worn, all buttons except the collar button will be buttoned and shirttails will be tucked neatly into the trousers. Only white undershirts will be worn with the FLETC- or agency-issued uniforms. The FLETC fatigue uniform may be worn with standard street shoes; jogging or gym shoes are authorized unless otherwise prohibited by a student's organization. Sandals are prohibited.

8. DINING HALL.

a. For the breakfast and lunch meals, Monday through Friday, student patrons will not be permitted in the dining hall wearing tank tops, cut-offs, shorts, swimsuits, athletic gear, head gear, clothes/uniforms that are unpresentable; i.e., tattered or heavily soiled by dirt, perspiration, or other foreign substances or having bare feet or wearing shower thongs/flip flops.

b. During the evening meals, Monday through Friday, and all meals on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, the dress code will be relaxed and cut-offs, shorts, tank tops, sweat pants/shirts or other similar types of casual attire may be worn. However, the following restrictions will apply to those who take advantage of the relaxed code:

(1) Some type of footwear must be worn.

(2) A shirt, top, or blouse must be worn. Fishnet and see through clothing material is not permitted.

(3) Swimsuits are not permitted.

(4) Garments with profane, obscene, or otherwise offensive statements or scenes will not be permitted.

9. STUDENT CENTER. Casual attire as outlined in paragraph 8.b. may be worn in the Student Center.

10. GENERAL. If compliance with this directive significantly interferes with legitimate training objectives, the Deputy Director may modify the policy on a case-by-case basis as deemed necessary.

11. ENFORCEMENT.

a. The Dining Hall and Student Support Service Contractors are responsible for monitoring compliance with the Dining Hall and Physical Techniques Complex dress codes respectively. The contractors will advise a student not complying with the dress codes herein that he/she is in violation of the FLETC dress codes and will ask the student to return to his/her dormitory and change.

b. The Security Police will assist the contractors in ensuring compliance with these dress codes should a student refuse to comply or become belligerent toward contractor personnel.

c. The FLETC instructors/supervisors and participating organization instructors/supervisors assigned at the FLETC are concurrently responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable dress codes during training situations.

d. The FLETC supervisors/managers observing infractions of the dining hall dress code WILL refer the matter to the appropriate personnel of the Dining Hall Contractor for action; instructors are ENCOURAGED to also take this action.

e. Actions taken against a student for violations of this directive will be commensurate with the nature and number of the violations. In addition to issuing a verbal notice, or directing a student to return to the dormitory and change, such actions may include notifying the employing agency, denying distinguished graduate status, placing the student on disciplinary probation, or, in extreme cases, dismissing the student from training.

f. Students improperly attired at graduation may be prohibited from participation and informed that the graduation certificate, and an explanation as to why the certificate was not awarded at graduation, will be mailed to their employing organization.

## 12. EXCEPTIONS.

a. Paragraph 11, ENFORCEMENT, subparagraphs a, b, and d do not apply to Artesia and Marana Operations (OAMO).

b. The FLETC and participating organization managers, supervisors and instructors assigned to OAMO are concurrently responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable dress codes in the dining hall and physical techniques complex at Artesia and Marana.

## 13. OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST. Program Support Division, Office of General Training.

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